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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 15-19 and 21-25 are pending. Claims 15-19 and 21-25 have been amended to more particularly point out applicants' invention.

Claims 14-17, 19, 21-23, and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldman et al., EP Patent Publication No. 0 588 101 A2 ("Goldman"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Goldman.

As described in the Specification, one aspect of the present invention relates to recording caller ID information in association with an answering machine and transmitting it to a remote location, such as at a call control system local to a retrieving party, to allow making a call to that number. More particularly, caller ID information can be transmitted to a remote location when an answering machine is accessed remotely. That is, the system can send the caller ID information to a call control system more closely associated with the remote caller location than the answering machine location.

Thus, claim 15 has been amended to recite:

"a Caller ID data recording unit configured to record Caller ID data from callers calling said system, the caller ID data including a calling party number, the Caller ID data recording unit being associated with a first call control system;
an interface configured to transmit the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved; and
a second call control system local to a remote caller calling the system and configured to receive the transmitted Caller ID data;
wherein said second call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said second call control system, said second call control system being a call control system more closely connected to the remote caller than the first call control system";

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and claim 21 has been amended to recite:

recording Caller ID data from the callers calling said answering device, the caller ID data including a calling party number, the answering device being associated with a local call control system;

transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved by a remote caller; and

wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to an apparatus in a remote call control system wherein said remote call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said remote call control system, said remote call control system being a call control system more closely connected to the remote caller than the first call control system.

In contrast, while Goldman apparently transfers an ANI number to a caller as a header in a voice message retrieval message, the message header number that was transferred does not appear to be used to call back the corresponding number from a remote location.

Instead, while the header is played to the caller, the ANI number itself is separately transferred to a local "Callback Number register 80" which is then used by the local PBX to "transfer" the call to the calling in party. (See, Col. 17, lines 3-11). The calling-in party, however, is local to the PBX. A remotely transferred number is not itself used to call back the message leaving party. Only the local number at the Callback Number register 80 is so used.

Moreover, Goldman does not provide a local and remote call control systems including features as generally recited in the claims at issue. The callback number register 80 is local to the answering service. Goldman contains no hint that the number can be transferred to a call control system close to the remote caller.

Furthermore, Goldman does not appear to allow a party to call in remotely to make a phone call using an ANI number. Instead, in Goldman, a local subscriber 21 calls in via the local PBX network, i.e., he is local to the network. Nowhere does Goldman provide for a remote caller receiving calling party ANI numbers at a remote location associated with a remote call control system and making a call therefrom.

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As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 18 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldman in view of Kang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,094,075 ("Kang"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Goldman or Kang, either singly or in combination. Goldman has been discussed above. Kang is relied on for allegedly teaching the "nifty feature" of a wireless carrier system. However, like Goldman, Kang fails to teach, suggest or imply a remote call control system or use of the transferred number to make the return call, as generally recited in the claims at issue. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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